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©CIL 18244 ✓ " THE WOMAN WHO FOOLED HERSELF "

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Eva Lee, late of the Follies, is late with the rent. Cameron Camdem and Eban Burnham are tropical traders interested in the Equator Corporation, and are desirous of securing some land from Don Fernando Casablanca, their business enemy.

Deciding they need the aid of beautiful, blond Eva, Burnham makes her a big offer to dance on the equator. She accepts after she is convinced that Camdem's love-making does not mean marriage. Eva is soon on her way to the tropics.

Old Don Casablanca is not in sympathy with the ideas of his grandson, Fernando Pennington, who is the son of a Spanish mother and an American father and a Yale graduate. They have many quarrels, but during a friendly interval they go to town to a carnival.

As pre-arranged, Eva approaches Fernando in his carriage and asks him to drive her to her hotel. Later that night, at the Cafe Real, where she does her "Dance of the Golden Helmet," for the first time, she pretends faintness and falls into Fernando's arms. Thinking her ill and penniless, the old man and his grandson take her to their beautiful home on the outskirts of the town. There she is welcomed by Fernando's charming mother.

Burnham's scheme has worked, and Eva finds it all too easy to win Fernando's love, but not so easy to win the confidence of ~~and~~ the old Don, who is particularly suspicious ~~of~~ when Camdem arrives and he, unknown to them, seeing the meeting between Eva and Camdem.

Eva is sickening of her job. She really loves Fernando and has no desire to cheat the Casablancoas. She begs Camdem to give up the project, but he refuses.

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Both Cazablanca and Pennington refuse to sell any land to the Equator Corporation-- it is time to put on the screws! That night the old Don accuses Eva of being a spy and in their home to harm them. He orders her from the house and on her account he and Fernando quarrel, resulting in Fernando leaving his grandfather's home.

He gives Camdem an option on his land and, after several unsuccessful attempts, sees Eva in her dressing room at the Cafe Real. He demands to ~~wh~~ know why she has refused to see him? He tells her that she has made him want her, and what he wants he takes! He's coming for her at midnight! ~~afterxxxxxxxxxxxxxxExaxteliExBurhamxxxxx~~
~~shexixvnxFernando~~

That night, when Eva comes on for her dance, Fernando appears on the stage with a huge lash. With it he whips a gun from Burnham's hand, ~~picks~~ He picks Eva up with one arm and with the other lashes his way through the amazed diners. He takes her by boat to a shack on his plantation. She pleads that her honor rests in the hands of a Casablanca, and he repents and returns her to Camdem.

Camdem now proposes marriage, but she tells him that she loves Fernando and if his honor equalled that of the Casablanccas, he would give up the option. He finally does this. When Eva arrives at the Casablanca residence to give them the option, she finds that Burnham has attacked the place in an attempt to take the land by main force. Burnham is killed, Fernando and his workers being the winners.

The old Don expresses his forgiveness by making Eva wait for Fernando's return. Later, Eva lets Fernando slip on her finger a ring that she had once refused to wear. They agree that grandpa is to be best man.

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